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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

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(571) 272-3282.Patent Number: 6,490,153Application Number: 09/370,121Issue Date: December 3, 2002Filing Date: August 6, 1999CAUTION: Maintenance fee (and surcharge, if any) payment must correctly identify: (1) the patent  
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- ☐ is a reissue of original Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ original issue date \_\_\_\_\_  
original application number \_\_\_\_\_  
original filing date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ resulted from the entry into the U.S. under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application  
\_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☐ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 980	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 3460

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 700

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

- ☐ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

/Atanu Das/

January 24, 2012

Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

Date

Atanu Das

62413

Typed or printed name(s)

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Da Vinci IP 2851 N Burling St # 1S

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Address

## ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment  
☒ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely  
☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(l)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

/Atanu Das

Signature

February 7, 2012

Date

Atanu Das

Type or printed name

62,413

Registration Number, if applicable

STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

Please See Attached Statement

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed)

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 11-085

In re the Application of: )  
)  
Matthew P. Casebolt, et al. )  
) Group Art Unit: 2835  
Serial No.: 09/370,121 )  
) Examiner: Chang, Yean Hsi  
Filed: August 6, 1999 )  
) Confirmation No.: 7633  
For: COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR HIGHLY )  
DENSE MOUNTING OF SYSTEM )  
COMPONENTS )

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**STATEMENT SUPPORTING PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED  
PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT  
(37 CFR 1.378 (B))**

Dear Sir:

This statement is being filed in support of the Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378 (b)).

1. I am founder/CEO and current investor with the current Assignee of US Pat: Appl. No. 09/370,121 filed on August 6, 1999 from which US Patent No. 6,490,153 was granted therefrom on December 3, 2002. Applicant applied for US Pat. Appl. No. 09/370,121 and prosecuted to allowance and issuance.
2. Assignee engaged the law firm of Skjerven Morrill MacPherson LLP to pay the first maintenance fee on April 5, 2007. Further, Applicant engaged the law firm of Skjerven Morrill MacPherson LLP to pay the maintenance fees.

3. On or about August 1, 2011 it came to my attention that US Patent No. 6,490,153 expired due to lack of payment of maintenance fees. I nor Assignee did not become aware of the expiration of the US Patent No. 6,490,153 before on or about August 1, 2011.

4. I and Assignee submit that the entire delay in payment of the maintenance fees was unavoidable and unintentional. Assignee never intended to allow US Patent No. 6,490,153 to expire; and at all times, the Assignee desired for to be in force during the entire lifetime of the patent (20 years from filing date).

5. Upon making queries, I realized that the law firm of Skjerven Morrill MacPherson LLP had gone out of business and was defunct.

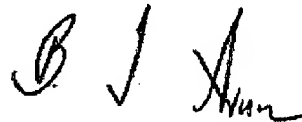
6. On or about August 1, 2011, I diligently sought out new patent counsel on behalf of the Assignee to engage in filing of the enclosed Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378 (b)) and this statement.

7. On or about December 1, 2011, after seeking appropriate patent counsel, I engaged on behalf of the Assignee the law firm of Da Vinci Intellectual Property to file the enclosed Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378 (b)) and this statement.

8. I declare that all statements made herein to my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of US Patent No. 6,490,153.

Respectfully submitted,

California Digital (Assignee)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.J. Arun". The signature is stylized with a large "B" and a checkmark-like flourish.

Dated: February 8, 2012

By: \_\_\_\_\_

B.J. Arun